

## **Alaska Energy Cost Reduction Program Progress Report**

**Grantee:** Alaska Power & Telephone Company

**Grant Number:** 116-DC-2004-I4

**Period of Report:** First Quarter 2006 (January 1 through March 31 2006)

**Project Name:** Tok-Chistochina Regional Intertie Project (Denali)

**Project activities completed:**

Chistochina Line Extension

- Utility easement with BLM, NPS, DNR, and Ahtna are in the permitting application process.
- Obtained some of the required deeds and easements from the landowners

Slana Distribution System

- Right of Way Easement Amendment requests were made to DOT and BLM to move a portion of the line from along Nabesna Rd
- BLM granted approval for clearing of right of way and line construction within the 4 Mile Settlement area
- AP&T staff hosted a community meeting to discuss the requested line route from Nabesna Rd and through the 4 Mile Settlement area
- Received DOT Nabesna Rd Right of Way Amendment March 15
- Received BLM Nabesna Rd Right of Way Amendment March 27
- The search to locate landowners / legal documents continues
- Approximately 2.75 miles of line flagged and staked, and cleared 1 ½ mile ROW along Nabesna Rd
- Set six three-phase poles from the school to the Slana River
- Seasonal part time staff hired for right of way clearing and ground hands to assistant linemen
- Correspondence with NPS personnel regarding right of way clearing and pole installations on the Betty Freed property, tentative date set, in April, for NPS archaeologist to be on site during clearing, digging, and setting poles

**Project existing or potential problems:**

- Archaeological and cultural findings during ground disturbing activities slow or halt construction with the potential to change pole placement or route
- Determination of utility line placement by governing agencies taking extended periods of time
- Materials price escalation continues and availability hampered due to Iraq and US hurricane damage rebuilding.

- The BLM hold continues while issues hazardous materials situations left by previous dwellers, squatters, and easements are worked through with landowners. No tree clearing or ground disturbing work could be performed in the area.

**Activities Targeted for Next Reporting Period, 30 June 2006:**

Chistochina Line Extension

- Continued work with permits
- Meet with the local residents for preliminary site surveys and acquisition of legal paperwork.

Chistochina Bridge Crossing

- Attach needed sweep to existing conduit
- Pull cable through the bridge attachment
- Set riser poles and complete cable attachment
- Flag & stake the proposed power line route
- Clear right of way

Slana Distribution System

- Continue working through permitting issues with BLM & NPS
- Determine line route
- Finish flagging and staking line
- Clear right of way
- Frame and set poles then attach conductor
- Complete secondary services